

**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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Whereas, the Legislature of the State of Indiana regards the health of our children to be of paramount importance to families in our State; and

Whereas, the Legislature of the State of Indiana regards poor child health as a threat to the educational achievement, social and psychological well being of the children of our State; and

Whereas, the Legislature of the State of Indiana considers protecting the health of our children to be essential to the well-being of our youngest citizens and the quality of life in our State; and

Whereas, The Legislature considers the Indiana State SCHIP Program, which has enrolled Indiana's uninsured children since its inception, to be an integral part of the arrangements for health benefits for the children of the State of Indiana; and

Whereas, the Legislature recognizes the value of the Indiana State SCHIP Program in preserving child wellness,

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preventing and treating childhood disease, improving health outcomes, and reducing overall health costs; and

Whereas, the Legislature of the State of Indiana considers the federal funding available for the Indiana State SCHIP Program to be indispensable to providing health benefits for children of modest means: Therefore

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Legislature urges the Members of Indiana's
- 2 delegation to the United States Congress to ensure that the Congress
- 3 timely reauthorizes the State Children Health Insurance Program
- 4 (SCHIP) to assure federal funding for the Indiana State SCHIP
- 5 Program;
- 6 SECTION 2. That the Legislature urges the Governor to use his
- 7 best efforts to work with the Indiana delegation to ensure that SCHIP
- 8 is reauthorized in a timely manner;
- 9 SECTION 3. That the Legislature proclaims that all components
- 10 of State government should work together with educators, health care
- 11 providers, social workers, and parents to ensure that all available public
- 12 and private assistance for providing health benefits to uninsured
- 13 children in the State be used to the maximum extent possible; and
- 14 SECTION 4. That the Legislature urges the Governor to use his
- 15 efforts to provide meaningful assistance to help identify and enroll
- 16 children who qualify for Medicaid or the Indiana State SCHIP Program.

